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MINUTES

of the

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year ending

October, 1863.





MILKSBURY, PA. October 20, 1863

The Synod of New Jersey met pursuant to adjournment at 7 o'clock P. M. and was opened with a Sermon from the Second Epistle General of Peter, the First Chapter from the fifth to the seventh verses, inclusive; "and besides this giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance, and to temperance, patience; and to patience, goodliness, and to goodliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity, by the Rev. L. L. Sheddan, the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted with prayer.

#### PRESENT

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown:-Rev. Lewis Bond, William W. Blauvelt, D. D., Daniel W. Mclean, D. D., Benjamin Corey, James T. English, Samuel S. Sheddan, John C. Rankin, Gardiner L. Plumley, Edwin W. Reinhart, Edward B. Edgar, A. T. Graves, William Scribner, V. Leroy Lockwood, Everard Kempshall, Thomas Carter.

ELDERS: From Lamington, Spring Potter; Liberty Corner, John Compton; 1st Church Rahway, Joseph Woodruff; Baskingridge, Alexander Cooper; 2nd Church Rahway, Jonathon Woodruff; Netuchin, Ezra M. Hunt; 1st Church, Elizabethtown, S. L. Arms; Pluckamin, Jacob Workman.

From the Presbytery of Passaic:-MINISTERS, Alfred Chester, Robert Street, William W. Hornblower, D. D., Elijah R. Craven, D. D., George M. L. Blauvelt, and James L. Brewster.

ELDERS: From Chatham Village, Harvey W. Morehouse; Connecticut Farms, John Cranc; 3d. Church of Newark, Timothy Andrews; Lyons Farms, Henry Meeker; Chester, Henry Hedges.



From the Presbytery of New Brunswick:-MINISTERS:  
Ravaud K. Rodgers, D. D., James Macdonald, D. D.,  
George Hale, D. D., Abraham Gosman, D. D., John  
Hall, D. D., Andrew Tully, A. D. White, John T.  
Duffield, D. D., Samuel M. Hamill, Henry B. Chapin,  
Robert L. Manning, Joseph G. Lymmes, Amzi L. Arm-  
strong, John Lyle, Presntiss De Veuve, Henry A.  
Harlow, William L. Moore, William A. Jenks, and  
William T. Beattie.

ELDERS: From Bound Brook, Lawrence V. D. Shepard;  
1st Church Princeton, David Comfort; Pennington,  
John H. Burd; 3d Church, Trenton, Joseph G.  
Brearley; Lawrence, John Rue; 1st Church, Cranbury,  
Richard Mc Dowell; 1st Church, New Brunswick,  
John Terhune; Titusville, Theodore Huff.

From the Presbytery of Newton:-MINISTERS: Myron  
Barret, A. H. Hand, D. D., Thaniel B. Condit,  
Edward D. Bryan, William C. McGee, George C.  
Bush, John A. Heiley, Solomon McFair, William  
M. Kirk, Ephraim Simanton, George L. Mott, Gilbert  
Lane, D. K. Furman, James W. Clarke.

ELDERS: From Greenwich, James Stewart; 1st Church  
Mansfield, Joseph Rosenberg; Marksborough, Nathan  
Cook; Wackettstown, John L. Labar; Upper Mt.  
Bethel, Jonathon Moore; Belvidere, Phineas B.  
Kennedy; Newton, Thomas Ryerson; Lower Mt. Bethel,  
I. Galloway; 2d. Church, Mansfield, William I.  
Stewart; Pleasant Grove, George Lindabergh;  
Stewartville, Robert L. Kennedy; 2d Church, Oxford,  
L. D. Scranton.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey:-MINISTERS:  
Moses Williamson, Samuel J. Baird, D. D., Charles  
Wood, John A. Annin, Joseph W. Hubbard, Benjamin  
L. Everett, J. P. Conkey.

ELDERS: From the 1st Church, Bridgeton, U. D.  
Woodruff.



From the Presbytery of Susquehanna:-MINISTERS,  
Charles C. Corp, Thomas Thomas, Darwin Cook.

ELDERS: From the Wysox, Church John Allen; Home,  
O. F. Young.

From the Presbytery of Luzerne:-MINISTERS,  
E. H. Snowden, Thomas P. Hunt, John White, Charles  
D. Rosenthal, J. B. Adams, W. M. Holmes, James  
L. Ferguson, Samuel P. Colt, Milo J. Wickok, D. D.,  
N. Grier Parke, A. Alexander Hodge, D. D., Corn-  
elius F. Lane, John Armstrong, H. W. Keller, John  
Johnson, J. Aspinwall Hodge, William Thompson,  
Jacob Weidman, W. C. Parsons, A. I. Winterick,  
Albert B. King, and Bernard Sickel.

ELDERS: From Kingston, George Reich; Wyoming, James  
R. Atherton; Summit Hill, Jonathon Simpson; German  
Church Scranton, John Scherrer; Northumberland,  
W. K. Carpenter; Pottsville, T. W. Russel; Scranton,  
Charles Muller; Pittston, John Loveland; Wilkesbarre,  
Orester Collins; Conyngham, Henry Gilmors; Mauch  
Chunk, Fisher Wazard.

From the Presbytery of Beritan:-MINISTERS; John  
R. Willcox, William R. Glen, John Burrows, Alfred  
Yeomans, Joseph L. Van Dyke.

ELDERS: From Lambertsville, John W. Anderson;  
Clinton, E. Rosenberg; Flemington, John Griggs;  
Amwell, 2d., John L. Sharpe; Musconetcong,  
Joseph Cornish.

From the Presbytery of Burlington:-MINISTERS;  
Henry Perking, D. D., I. Alystone Blauvelt,  
K. P. Ketchum.

ELDERS: From Allentown George Sinclair.





From the Presbytery of Monmouth:-MINISTERS.

John W. Rogers, Frank Chandler, John L. Kehoo,  
D. D. Sahler, William M. Wells, L. Alden  
Freeman.

ELDERS: From Middletown Point, William M. Terhune;  
Manalapan, John Van Doren.

From the Presbytery of Corisco:-

MINISTERS: NONE

ELDERS: NONE.

#### ABSENT

Of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown:-

MINISTERS:-James B. Hyndshaw, Holloway T. Hunt,  
Edwin Downer, Elias Riggs, D. D., Frederic r.  
Cornell, James C. Edwards, I Albert Baldwin,  
Luther W. Van Doren, Daniel Van Derveer, George  
Sheldon, D. D., William Wuntting, James W. McNeill,  
James B. Crane, Charles C. Wallace.

Of the Presbytery of Passaic:-

MINISTERS: David Marie, D. D., Abraham Williamson,  
Joseph W. Caden, D. D., Edward Harris, Samuel  
Watchings, Orlando L. Kirtland, John A. Pingrey,  
Hugh W. Wilson, D. D., Paul E. Stevenson, David  
Irving, D. D., David W. James, David H. Pearson,  
Edward M. Weiss, Joseph Alden, D. D. S. S. L.

Of the Presbytery of New Brunswick:-

MINISTERS: Isaac Van Doren, Jonathon Cogswell,  
D. D., Charles Hodge, D. D., Charles L. Stewart,  
D. D., Charles W. Nassan, D. D., John Mclean,  
D. D. L. E. D., Thomas L. Janeway, D. D., Alex-  
ander T. McGill, D. D., Lyman H. Atwater, D. D.,



Hugh Hamill, Joseph Mahon, I. H. McIlvaine, D. D., James C. Moffat, D. D., Thomas D. Hoover, I. P. Westervelt, William H. Green, D. D., Thomas W. Cattell, John E. Alexander, Joseph R. Mann, D. D., James W. Callen, Andrew P. Morse, Caspar W. Dodge, G. M. Giger, D. D., Samuel L. Shriver, William J. Wright, Rufus Taylor, D. D.

Of the Presbytery of Newton:-

MINISTERS: Jacob S. Field, Walloway W. Hunt, I. Sandford Smith, Henry Parker, Philip W. Melick, James E. Miller, J. Kirby Davis, Frederic Knighton, Robert B. Foresman, Robert W. Reeves, Samuel M. Studdiford, James Petrie, George F. Cain, E. Clark Cline.

Of the Presbytery of West Jersey:-

MINISTERS: George W. Ianviev, John Burt, Samuel B. Jones, D. D., Daniel Stratton, Charles E. Ford, Allen W. Brown, Robinson E. Lunn, Edward P. Shield, Chester Bridgeman, Nathaniel Mc Conaughy, R. Hamill, Davis, Frederic E. Bruce, John L. Stewart, Walter L. Drysdale.

Of the Presbytery of Susquehanna:-

MINISTERS: Edwin Bronson, Julius Foster, James McWilliam, Thomas L. Lewing, Mallock Armstrong, George F. Harriner, Andrew Barr, James G. Carnochan, Edward Kennedy, John L. Swain, David Craft, John Caldwell.

Of the Presbytery of Luzerne:-

MINISTERS: George Printz, I. D. Mitchell, D. D., A. M. Lowry, F. F. Kolb.

Of the Presbytery of Corisco:-

MINISTERS: James L. Mackey, Cornelius De Weer, R. Hamill Napan, M. D., Walter F. Clark.



Of the Presbytery of Baritan:-

MINISTERS: Jacob Kirkpatrick, D. D., Peter O. Studdiford, D. D., John MacNair, D. D., James Lewers, Edwin Town, John L. Janeway, George P. Van Wyck, Henry L. Spayd, F. L. Upham, Benjamin Carrell, Joshua W. Janeway.

Of the Presbytery of Burlington:-

MINISTERS: William Chester, D. D., Alden Scovel, John P. Robins, Velleroy D. Reed, D. D., Samuel Miller, John Chester, M. L. Wofford, William L. Plumer, D. D., L. C. Baker, Robert Julien.

Of the Presbytery of Nonmouth:-

MINISTERS: Isaac Todd, Charles F. Correll, D. D., Thaddeus Wilson, Alexander Gulick, Donald McLaren, John W. Frazee, Archibald P. Cobb.

The roll having been called, the Rev. George Hale, D. D., was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Abraham Gosman and Ravaud K. Rodgers were chosen clerks.

Resolved, That during the present Sessions of the Synod, it be the order to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. to have a recess at 12 o'clock-to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. to have a recess at 5 o'clock, P. M. and to meet at 1-2 past 7 P. M.

The Committee on devotional exercises made the following report which was adopted.

1st. That the first hour in the afternoon of each day during the Sessions of the Synod be set apart for devotional services.

2d. That the Synodical prayer meeting be held on Wednesday Evening at 1-2 past 7 o'clock, under the direction of the Moderator-that the Narrative of the State of Religion be read, and that an address be made by the Rev. Dr. Schenk, Secretary of the Board of Publication, on behalf of the





several Boards of the church.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING-9 o'clock  
October 21st, 1863

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer-Present as before.

The minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

Letters were received from the Rev. Messrs. Foster and Carnochan of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from this meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. W. Sheddon, the Rev. Drs. Hand and Craven, the Rev. Messrs. Williamson, Parke, Chandler, and Kempshall, Ministers and Messrs. Fuller, Anderson and Jonathon Woodruff, Elders, were appointed a Committee of Bills and overtures, to meet in the Lecture Room of the church, immediately and afterwards on their own adjournment.

The Rev. Drs. Hornblower, Macdonald and Hickok and the Rev. Messrs. Vott and Corss, Ministers and Messrs. R. S. Kennedy, Collins, and Comfort, Elders were appointed a Judicial Committee to meet at the call of the chairman.

The Rev. Drs. Baird and Blauvelt and the Rev. Messrs. Symmes and J. A. Hodge, Ministers and Messrs. P. B. Kennedy and Hazard, Elders, were appointed a committee on leave of absence.

The Rev. Messrs. Colt, Plumley and Manning, Ministers and William L. Terhune were appointed a committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly and report any articles calling for the attention of the Synod.



The Rev. Messrs. Kirk and Hubbard were appointed a committee to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod for the next year.

Messrs. Arms and Bradley Elders, were appointed a committee to examine the account of the Treasurer and to make an assessment upon the several Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records:-

The Rev. Dr. Perkins and the Rev. W. M. Wells, Ministers and W. Griggs, Elder, those of Elizabeth-town.

The Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rogers and C. E. Sane, Ministers, and M. W. Carpenter, Elder those of Passaic.

The Rev. Messrs. English and Amin, Ministers and M. Riperson Elder, those of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Messrs. A. D. White and Reidman, Ministers and W. S. V. D. Shepherd Elder, those of West Jersey.

The Rev. Messrs. S. M. Hamill and DeVeuve, Ministers and Van Doren, Elder those of Newton.

The Rev. Messrs. Hazard and Bailey Ministers and Burd Elder, those of Morristan.

The Rev. Messrs. Street and J. B. Blauvelt, Ministers and J. Allen, Elder those of Luzerne.

The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Hunt and Barret, Ministers and W. Rue Elder, those of Susquehanna.

The Rev. Messrs. Carter and Yeoman, Ministers, and M. Meeker, Elder those of Burlington.



The Rev. Messrs. G. N. S. Blauvelt and Reinhart, Ministers and W. Simpson those of Newmouth.

The Rev. William E. Schenk, D. D., corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication of the Synod of Philadelphia, and the Rev. J. B. Hopwood of the Synod of Susquehanna (N. S.) were introduced to the Synod and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries composing this Synod were read and accepted, and are as follows, viz:-

1st. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 11 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 5 Candidates.

MINISTERS: James B. Hyndshaw, Holloway W. Hunt, Lewis Bond, Edwin Downer, William N. Blauvelt, D. D., Elias Riggs, D. D., Daniel McLean, D. D., Frederic F. Cornell, James C. Edwards, Benjamin Corey, James T. English, Samuel L. Heddon, J. Abeel Baldwin, Luther H. Van Doren, Daniel Van Derveer, John C. Rankin, Edwin H. Reinhart, George Sheldon, D. L., Edward B. Edgar, William Huntting, A. T. Graves, William Scribner, James McNeill, James B. Crane, V. Leroy Lockwood, Everard Kempshall, Gardiner S. Plumley, Charles C. Wallace, Thomas Carter.

CHURCHES: Lamington, 1st. Plainfield, Liberty Corner, 1st. Rahway, New Providence, New Vernon, Baskingridge, Elizabeth Port, Westfield, 1st. Woodbridge, 2d. Rahway, 1st. Elizabeth, 1st. Metuchen, Perth Amboy, Pluckamin, German Church of Meyersville.

LICENTIATES: William Brown, William N. Honeyman.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22d of October, 1862, they received William T. Martin, under their care as a Candidate for the Gospel





Ministry-that on the 10th of January 1863 they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Frederic F. Cornell and the Church of Pluckamin-that on the 22d of April they received under their care William Brown and David Moore as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry-and that on the same day they licensed Messrs. William Brown, William E. Honeyman, and William W. Martin to preach the Gospel-that on the 4th of May, they received the Rev. James C. Edwards from the Presbytery of Passaic, and dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Daniel V. McLean, D. D., and the First Church of Plainfield-that on the 18th of June, they ordained William W. Martin to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist-that on the 22d of June they received W. Thomas Carter, a Licentiate from the 3d. Presbytery of New York, and on the same day ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the church of Pluckamin-that on the 7th of October, they received under their care, William H. Littell as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry-that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relations between the Rev. I Abael Baldwin, and the church of New Providence, and the Rev. William W. Martin and the First Church of Woodbridge, and dismissed the Rev. William W. Martin, to join the Presbytery of Sierra Nevada in California.

The Presbytery further report that the churches generally have contributed to the different Boards of the Church, and to the American Bible Society, and that all save one contributed to the Fund for disabled Ministers, though by reason of a mistake or misapprehension in printing the Minutes of the General Assembly, it does not appear from said Minutes that they have given any thing to the fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
By order of Presbytery,  
JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk



2d. The Presbytery of Passaic, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Churches, 1 Licentiate, and 1 Candidate.

MINISTERS: David Maple, D. D., Abraham Williamson, Alfred Chester, Joseph Ogden, D. D., Edward Harris, Samuel Hutchings, Orlando L. Kirtland, Robert Street, Hugh Wilson, D. D., Paul W. Stevenson, John F. Pingrey, William V. Vornblower, D. D., David Irving, D. D., Elisha L. Craven, D. D., George W. S. Blauvelt, David W. James, David W. Pierson, James F. Brewster, Edward W. Weiss, Joseph Alden, D. D. S. S. D.

CHURCHES: 2d Church, Elizabeth, Mount Freedom, Chatham Village, Springfield, Connecticut Farms, 1st Church Paterson, 1st Church Morristown, 3d. Church Newark, Lyons Farms, Mount Olive, Flanders, Chester, German Church Paterson, Boiling Spring.

LICENTIATE: James M. Ludlow.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of April, 1863, they licensed James M. Ludlow a Candidate under their care, to preach the Gospel—that on the 4th of May, the Rev. Francis E. Butler, Chaplain of the 25th Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, departed this life—that on the 25th of July, Presbytery organized a Church at Boiling Spring, N. J.—that on the 21st of September the Rev. James H. Clark, was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Newton—and that on the 7th of October the Rev. Joseph Alden, D. D. L. L. D. was received from the Presbytery of Ohio.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

ROYAL TRUIT, Stated Clerk.



3rd. The Presbytery of New Brunswick, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 46 Ministers, and have under their care 21 Churches, 16 Licentiates, and 17 Candidates.

MINISTERS: Isaac Van Boren, Jonathon Cogswell, D. D., Ravard K. Rodgers, D. D., Charles Vodge, D. D., Charles S. Stewart, D. D., Charles W. Tapan, D. D., John Maclean, D. D. L. L. D., Thomas L. Janeway, D. D., James McDonald, D. L., Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., Hugh Hamill, Joseph Cohen, George Hale, D. D., Joshua H. McIlvaine, D. D., James C. Moffat, D. D., Rufus Taylor, D. D., John Wall, D. D., Andrew Tully, Thomas D. Hoover, John P. Westervelt, A. D. White, John G. Duffield, D. D., John Lyle, Wm. Henry Green, D. D., Thomas L. Battell, John E. Alexander, Joseph T. Mann, D. D., James Tebbins, Abraham Gosman, D. D., James W. Callen, Samuel M. Hamill, Joseph L. Lynnes, Henry B. Chapin, Andrew B. Morse, Caspar W. Vodge, Robert S. Manning, Anzi L. Armstrong, Presntis DeVeuve, Henry A. Harlow, Willina L. Moore, William T. Beattie, G. M. Siger, D. L., William A. Jenks, Samuel L. Chriver, Willism J. Bright,

CHURCHES: Bound Brook, 1st Princeton, Pennington, 1st Trenton, Highstown, 2d Cranbury, 2d Trenton, Lawrence, Kingston, 1st Cranbury, 3d Trenton, 4th Trenton, Hamilton Square, Dutch Neck, 2d Princeton, Erving, Witherspoon St. Princeton, 1st New Brunswick, 2d New Brunswick, Titusville.

LICENTIATES: Henry M. Baird, Edward H. Spooner, William A. Parrot, Frederick T. Wines, Charles P. Glover, Theron Brittain, Samuel Conn, George Sluter, Caspar M. Wines, Samuel S. Mitchell, William W. Edwards, Daniel Deruelle, Benjamin Y. George, Benjamin P. Paterson, David Atwater, William J. Parrot.





The Presbytery further report that on the 22d of October 1862, they received under their care Samuel L. Shriver, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Blainville, and that on the 31st of the same month they ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Hightstown-that on the 2d of February 1863, they dismissed Joshua W. Janeway, a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Paritan-that on the 3d of the same month they received the Rev. Andrew Tully from the Presbytery of Lewton-that on the same day they received under their care Messrs. Thomas S. Johnson, Albert W. Brown, George Cluter, Daniel W. Cameron, and George S. Bergen as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry-and dismissed Frank B. Wodge, a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Castle-and received John C. Beinhauer a Licentiate under their care from the Presbytery of Alleghany City-that on the 11th of March, they dismissed the Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., to join the 4th Presbytery of New York-that on the 15th of the same month, the Rev. Robert Baird, D. D., departed this life and that on the 28th of the same month William P. Lloyd, a Licentiate departed this life-that on the 9th of April M. O. H. Hazard, a Licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Burlington-that on the 21st of April, Messrs. Philip S. Jennings and Clarence Eddy were received under the care of Presbytery as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry-that on the same day John C. Beinhauer, a Licentiate, was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Nassau-that on the same day Messrs. Samuel L. Mitchell, Daniel Deruelle, David J. Atwater, Caspar H. Wines, William W. Edwards, Benjamin F. Peterson, Charles P. Glover, and Benjamin G. George were licensed to preach the Gospel-that on the 2d of June, they received the Rev. William T. Beattie from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and installed him pastor of the First Church, New Brunswick-that on the same day,



they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Edward D. Yeomans and the 4th Church of Trenton-dismissed Mr. Yeomans to join the Presbytery of Rochester City-received under their care the Church of Morrisville which had been set off to this Presbytery from the 2d. Presbytery of Philadelphia, by the last General Assembly and licensed Messrs. William J. Parrot and Theron Brittain to preach the Gospel-that on the 28th of June, they ordained Mr. William J. Wright a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, that he might receive a commission as Chaplain in the Army of the Union-that on the 5th of the present month, (October) they received the Rev. John Lyle from the Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland, after one years probation, (his credentials being herewith submitted to Synod) that on the 26th of August Mr. Sanford H. Smith a Licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winona-that on the 10th of September Mr. Wm. Travis a Licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Newton-that on the 5th of October, Mr. John L. Frame, a Licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chicago-that on the 6th of the same month they received the Rev. John E. Alexander from the Presbytery of Lanesville, and received under their care Messrs. A. S. Yale and William A. Holliday, as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

A. D. WILF, Stated Clerk

4th. The Presbytery of Newton, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 26 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Churches, and 6 Candidates.

MINISTERS: Jacob F. Field, Holloway W. Hunt, Henry Rinker, Philip W. Melick, James L. Miller, Myron Barret, Aaron H. Hand, D. D., Thaniel B. Condit, Edward D. Bryan, William C. McGhee, George C. Bush, John A. Keiley, Solomon McNair, William H. Kirk, I. Kirby Davis, Frederic



Knighton, Ephraim Simanton, George S. Mott,  
Robert B. Foresman, Robert H. Reeves, Gilbert  
Lane, Samuel M. Studdiford, D. K. Freeman,  
James Petrie, J. Sandford Smith, George F.  
Cain, E. Clark Cline, James W. Clark.

CHURCHES: Greenwich, Stillwater, Swartswood,  
1st Mansfield, Yellow Frame, Marksborough,  
Hackettstown, Blairstown, Upper Mt. Bethel,  
Belvidere, Sharnec, Oxford, Danville, Lower  
Mt. Bethel, Hope, Knowlton, 2d Mansfield,  
Stewartsville, Harmony, Phillipsburgh, Andover,  
Pleasant Grove, Middle Smithfield, Asbury,  
Stroudsburgh, 2d Oxford.

The Presbytery further report that on the  
6th of November 1862, they installed the Rev.  
James Petrie, Pastor of the Church of Philips-  
burgh-that on the 3d of December 1862 they dis-  
missed the Rev. Andrew Gully to join the Pres-  
bytery of New Brunswick-and that on the same  
day they ordained D. K. Freeman a Licentiate,  
under their care to the work of its Gospel  
Ministry and installed him pastor of the Church  
of Harmony-that on the 8th of May, 1863, they  
organized the 2d Presbyterian Church of Oxford-  
that on the 26th of April, they received under  
their care George F. Cain, a Licentiate from  
the Presbytery of Carlisle, and that on the  
29th of May they ordained Mr. Cain to the work  
of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor  
of the Church of Stroudsburgh-that on the same  
day they received A. H. Somers under their care  
as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry-that on  
the 7th of July they ordained E. Clark Cline  
a Licentiate under their care to the work of the  
Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist that he might  
accept the office of Chaplain, in the 11th Regi-  
ment of New Jersey Volunteers-and that on the  
5th of October, they received the Rev. James W.  
Clark from the Presbytery of Passaic.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,

GEORGE C. BUSH, Stated Clerk.







5th. The Presbytery of West Jersey, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, and 3 Candidates.

MINISTERS: George W. Janvier, John Dart, Moses Williamson, Samuel Beach Jones, D. D., Daniel Stratton, Charles Ford, Samuel J. Baird, D. D., Allen K. Brown, Robinson P. Gunn, Charles Wood, John A. Annin, Joseph T. Hubbard, Edward P. Shield, Benjamin L. Iveritt, Chester Bridgeman, Nathaniel McConoughy, R. Hamill Davis, Frederic L. Brace, John L. Stewart, Walter L. Drysdale, John P. Conkey.

CHURCHES: Cold Spring, 1st Church Bridgeton, Salem, Williamston, Pislerville, Locobury, Absecon, Leeds Point, Cedarsville, 2d Church Bridgeton, Tuckahoe, Pithgrove, Blackwoodtown, Woodstown, Swedesborough, Millville, Deerfield, Brainerd, Hamonton, Greenwich, Pass Landing, Cape Island.

The Presbytery further report that on the 23d of April 1863, the name of the 2d Church of Cape May county was changed to the Presbyterian Church of Tuckahoe—that on the 21st of May, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Samuel Beach Jones, D. D., and the First Church of Bridgeton—that on the 7th of October they received the Rev. Walter S. Drysdale from the 3d Presbytery of Philadelphia—the Rev. John P. Conkey from the Presbytery of Dubuque—dropped the name of Walter A. Furrows from the list of Probations for the Gospel Ministry and ordered the dissolution of the Church at Cape May Court House.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Order of Presbytery,

ALLEN K. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

6th. The Presbytery of Susquehanna, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates.



MINISTERS: Charles C. Corp, Edwin Bronson, Julius Foster, Thomas Thomas, Darwin Cook, James McWilliam, Thomas L. Dewing, Wallock Armstrong, George K. Marriner, Andrew Barr, James G. Carnochan, Edward Kennedy, John L. Swain, David Craft, John Caldwell.

CHURCHES: yalusing, Orrell, Warren, Wysox, Tow-  
ando, Troy, Canton, Cr wfordsville, Friendsville,  
Rome, Elkland, Silver Lake, Rushville, Herrick,  
Monroeton, Burlington, Sullivan, Wyalusing 3d,  
Meshoppen, Brookfield, Stevensville, Knoxville, In-  
dependence, Lawrenceville, Fall Brook, Potterville,

LITURGISTS: Lyell T. Adams, William C. Davis.

The Presbytery also report that on the 20th of  
January 1863, they received the Rev. James McWilliam  
from the Presbytery of Albany-the Rev. Edwin Bronson  
from the Presbytery of Luzerne, and erased from  
their roll the name of the Rev. George Blain as a  
Foreign Minister-that on the 26th of August, they  
received the Rev. John Caldwell from the Presbytery  
of Cincinnati-that on the 27th of August, they  
dismissed the Rev. Philander Camp to join the Pres-  
bytery of Genessee Valley (N.Y.) and that on the  
10th of September, they installed the Rev. John  
Caldwell Pastor of the Church of Canton.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

No report was received from the Presbytery of  
Corisco in Africa.

7th. The Presbytery of Luzerne, report to the  
Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 26 Mini-  
sters, and have under their care 28 Churches, and  
2 Licentiates, and 2 Candidates.

MINISTERS: Ebenezer H. Snowden, Thomas P. Hunt,  
John White, Charles H. Rosenhal, George Prints,  
Joseph B. Adams, F. L. Holmes, James T. Ferguson,  
Samuel F. Colt, J. D. Mitchell, D. D., H. Grier  
Parke, A. Alexander Hodge, D. D., Cornelius R.  
Lane, John Armstrong, Milo J. Hickok, D. D.,  
John Johnson, Andrew M. Lown, Henry H. Welles,  
J. Aspenwall Hodge, William Thompson, F. F. Kolb,  
Jacob Weidman, A. I. Winterick, W. C. Parsons,  
Bernard Sickel, Albert B. King.



CHURCHES: Plymouth, Summit Hill, German Church, Scranton, Newton, Northmoreland, Mahopany, Harvey's Lake, Pottsville, Pittston, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Tunkhannock, Hazleton Weatherly, Eckley, White Haven, Port Carbon, Kingston, Tyling, Concy-ingham, Mauch Chunk, Tamagers, Mananog City, Port Clinton, Scott Church, Nanticoke, Beaver Meadow, German Church, Archibald.

LICENTIATES: James P. Hughes, Richard P. Edward,

The Presbytery further report that on the 17th of April 1863, they received Mr. Bernard Sichel a Licentiate from the German Evangelical Church and on the same day ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, as an Evangelist-that on the 6th of May they organized the German Church of Archibald and installed Mr. Sichel as its Pastor-that on the 18th of September they dismissed the Rev. Jonathon Osmand to join the Presbytery of Cedar, and received the Rev. Albert B. King from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,

W. GEORGE PAULI, Stated Clerk

8th. The Presbytery of Maritan, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 1 Candidate.

MINISTERS: Jacob Kirkpatrick, D. D., Peter O. Studdiford, D. D., John MacNair, L. D., James Lewers, Benjamin Carrell, Edwin Town, John R. Wilcox, John L. Janeway, George P. Van Wyck, William R. Gler, Henry E. Spayd, Alfred Yeomans, Joseph L. Van Dyke, W. L. Upham, John Burrows, Joshua H. Janeway.

CHURCHES: Arwell United First, Lambertville, Clinton, Milford, Holland, Rosemont, Fox Hill, Flemington, German Valley, Kingwood, Frenchtown, Solebury, Fort-stville, Musconetcong Valley, Bloomsbury, Arwell Second, Arwell First, Pinecurn.





LICENTIATE: A. F. Hutchinson, Reading B. Johns.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22d of October 1862, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George P. Van Dyck and the Arwell First Church-that on the 14th of April 1863, they received under their care Joshua H. Janeway, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick-and that on the day following they licensed Reading B. Johns a Candidate under their care to preach the Gospel-that on the 7th of May, they ordained Mr. Joshua H. Janeway to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him as Pastor over the First Church of Arwell-that on the 20th of August 1863, the Rev. Joseph Rogers, pastor of Churches of Kingwood and Frenchtown, departed this life-that on the 7th of this month, (October) they received the Rev. N. L. Upham as a member of their body from the Bennington Association of Vermont-and on the 15th of April last dismissed John McKelvey, Jr., a Licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lewer.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,

ARTHUR O. SPENCER, Stated Clerk.

9th. The Presbytery of Burlington, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 11 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 1 Candidate.

MINISTERS: Henry Perkins, D. D., William Chester, D. D., Alden Seovel, John P. Robbins, Villeroy D. Reed, D. D., Samuel Miller, John Chester, M. D., Lewis Baker, J. Alystine Blauvelt, N. L. Hofford, Wm. L. Plumer, D. D., Kneeland P. Ketchum, Robert Julius.



CHURCHES: Allentown, 1st Church, Camden, Mount Holly, Columbus, Burlington, 2d Church, Camden, Plumstead, Plattsburgh, Luckerton, Bass River, Bordentown.

LICENTIATE: Martin W. Lyerson, C. Howell Hazard.

The Presbytery further report that on the 14th of April 1863, they received under their care C. Howell Hazard, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Mr. Ezeeland P. Ketchum a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Long Island, and that on the 5th of May, they ordained Mr. Ketchum to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the churches of Luckerton and Bass River.

Respectfully submitted,  
By order of Presbytery,  
LEWIS C. BAKER, Stated Clerk.

10th. The Presbytery of Monmouth, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Churches.

MINISTERS: Isaac Todd, Charles F. Worrell, D. D., John W. Rogers, Thaddeus Wilson, Alexander Gulick, Frank Chandler, John L. Kehoo, Donald McLaren, Daniel D. Saßler, William W. Welles, L. Elden Freeman, John R. Frazee, Archibald P. Cobb.

CHURCHES: Holmanville, Millstone, Middletown Point, Shrewsbury, Freshold Village, Monalapan, Tennent, Red Bank, Jamesburgh, Squan Village, Toms River, Port Washington, Manchester, Cedar Creek.

The Presbytery further report that on the 5th of November, 1862, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Albert B. King, and the Church of Port Washington, and dismissed the Mr. King to connect himself with the Presbytery of Luzerne,—that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Donald McLaren and the Tennent Church—that on the morning of the Sabbath, December 28th 1862 the Rev. Charles Webster, departed this life—that on the 11th of June 1863, they dismissed the Rev. Charles Milne to connect himself with the Presbytery of Newton, and on the same day received



the Rev. Archibald P. Cobb from the Presbytery of Philadelphia—that on the 23rd of July, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Daniel D. Sahler, and the church of Red Bank, and that on the 8th of August they installed the Rev. Archibald P. Cobb as pastor of the Tement Church.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,

JOHN H. KIMMEL, Stated Clerk.

The Rev. W. Lockwood, from the committee appointed to draft the Narrative of the State of religion within the bounds, of the Synod, made a report, which was read and accepted—and having been amended was adopted, and ordered to be read at the Synodical prayer meeting this evening. The report is as follows:

Amidst storms and tempests of Earth—amidst the uprising of the people and the noise of the gathering nation—amidst the general convulsion of the Kingdoms of this world, "We receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved," seem to hear the voice of Him who sitteth supreme above the water floods, saying, "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come." "His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and his dominion is from generation to generation." "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high. God in the midst of her—she shall not be moved—God shall help her, and that right early. The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

We rejoice that God is in the midst of his Church—that he who is the confidence of all the ends of the Earth, is also the hope of his people.

In looking over the fields occupied by this Synod and receiving the history of the past year, we behold a picture like that painted by nature





on the compass of the sky of sunshine and of cloud, while our great comfort is that above all are the stars of promise and the throne of God. While on the one hand we find abundant reasons for gratitude and devout thanksgiving in the gracious dealing of God with our churches, on the other hand we find also manifold reasons for humiliation and self-abasement.

That we have lived that we have been cheered by the hopes and promises of the glorious gospel of the blessed God that we have been permitted to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to others—that some have laid hold on the hope set before them in the gospel, and so been led to a new life of holy obedience, are surely blessings which call for devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and which we would gratefully record before our God to day. The hand of our God has been upon us for good. It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to state that most of the Narratives from the Presbyteries of Synod tell us of "Peace within their walls" and general "prosperity within their palaces."

The gospel has been steadily preached in all our churches, and the ordinances of religion enjoyed. Our congregations are for the most part harmonious and peaceful, walking in the unity and comfort of the spirit—Brotherly love abounds and the relation of pastor and people is pleasant. There are evidences of progress seen in the general increase of all our congregations which is very gratifying.

All of the Presbyteries report an increased attendance upon the ordinances of the sanctuary—In Sabbath Schools, Bible Class, and Catechetical instruction there seems to be a still greater interest and increasing efficiency. It is most cheering to witness the interest of the church in the education and training of the young.



God seems to be smiling upon these ministers of the church and grateful mention is made of the reception of many into the communion of the church who have come from the bosom of the Sabbath School, to take the place of the departing while we would ever acknowledge this instrumentality as a powerful auxiliary to family religion and christian nurture, and if, under the control and watch of our sessions not to be dispensed with, yet, we can in no mind consider it as a substitute for religious instruction and training in the family, or as achieving parents from the solemn obligation to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

In regard to family religion it is to be feared that it is in a sad degree neglected. Various causes have combined to produce this result, but from whatever source it had risen it is to be greatly lamented. The sacredness of the family as a divine institution none will deny nor can there be any doubt as to the great design of the family institution in the divine economy. It should evidently and emphatically be the nursery of the Church. The Christian family is holy unto the Lord. And it is to the neglect of family religion accountless that much of the widespread and carolating evils under which the nation is called to mourn, is to be attributed.

The godly citizen must come from the pious household and in vain can we hope for an orderly righteous nation from the families that fear not God and disregard his commandments. For God's institution there can be no substitute and Synod feel most deeply that there is in this respect an imperative call for increased watchfulness and care, and we most solemnly enjoin upon all the families under our care to teach their children the great truths held by the church to impress the principles of our holy religions upon their minds, and to call down upon their households the moulding hand of the divine redeemer.



The weekly lectures and meetings for social prayer are held in all our churches. In some instances they have been well sustained, while in others and for the most part, a general regret is expressed that so far come up to the place where prayer is wont to be done.

Contributions for the various Boards and benevolent operations of the Church and the world have been made by nearly all our churches, nor will the history of our last years benevolence suffer in comparison with preceding years. Although the calamitous state of our country has to a considerable extent crippled the efforts of some of our churches still, considering these things and the many urgent claims upon the charities of our people arising from the sad war, which afflicts us, the contributions of our congregations have not materially diminished while in some instances they have been greatly increased.

We regard it as one among the most cheering indications of our progress that so many of our Presbyteries make mention of successful missionary operation within their bounds. Congregations have been gathered—churches have been organized and houses of worship secured and there we consider as most auspicious signs of a growing attachment to the institutions of religion—Especially is this true of the Presbytery of Luzerne and the young and efficient Presbytery of Monmouth—Grateful for the assistance rendered it in its missionary work by sister Presbyteries, the brethren declare it to be their aim and desire to possess and occupy for Christ and the church the field committed to their care and to send the living preacher to the hundreds within their bounds, who have for the most part no gospel preached unto them. The age in which we live is one of intense activity. As a denomination it is our high and sublime privilege to spread the Christianity of the Bible in its purest form and under its most noble policy. And in this activity we are called to participate, not for the glory it will bring to us, but the glory it will bring to God in the salvation of men, and in the sanctifying future of our nation and of our race.





Several Presbyteries report most cheering intelligence from brethren who are laboring as Chaplains in our armies and hospitals. God has most signally blessed their efforts and given them the evidence of his gracious presence in the consolations of religion and in the power of his converting grace.

It is also delightful to hear on every hand that the Christian people under our care have so deeply sympathized with our country in her hour of peril and have made unceasing prayer in public and in private for his salvation, unflinching the return of peace and the blessings of God's grace as the only source of real and permanent good.

We would be grateful for all these things and for all the conservative influences flowing from our churches to bless the land and the world, and yet it is with humiliation that we look over the history of these twelve months. We turn sadly to the fact that the Kingdom of our Lord has made no more aggressive movements upon the world, and that so few are enquiring the way of life. It has not been permitted us to rejoice over those precious gatherings with which we have been favored in other years of special revival, and yet we would be unfaithful to the Master if we did not acknowledge to the praise of his rich grace, that he has not left us without some tokens of his reviving presence. Here and there are those who tell us of their rejoicing over gathered sheaves. Here and there comes the fragrance of a field which the Lord hath blessed.

Among the Presbyteries which report some ingathering and refreshing from the presence of the Lord are those of New Brunswick, Luzerne, West Jersey, Newton and Elizabethtown. A few of the churches in these Presbyteries report a delightful visitation of the Spirit of the Lord.



A hopeful state of piety also exists in the College of New Jersey, and the day of prayer for Colleges was observed with manifest tokens of the divine blessing. The flourishing condition and religious interest of the Theological Seminary is also a matter of much gratification. Thus God is constantly setting the seal of his approbation, and bestowing the blessings of his grace upon these venerable institutions, founded in the faith and watered by the prayers of the fathers.

While we would thus rejoice in the good hand of our God upon us, we would mourn that we have not to a greater extent the evidences of his spiritual presence in our congregations. Interspersed with these fields which the Lord hath blessed, are those upon which neither fruitful rain nor showers appear to have descended.

The larger part of the narratives sent up from our Presbyteries report that they have had during the past year no revival of religion, and are not enjoying evidences of the special presence of the Holy Spirit. There is a general complaint of barrenness and worldly mindedness among the members of the church. Some are indeed growing in grace and in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, but there is for the most part too much conformity to the principles and the spirit world, and there appears to be a love for and devotion to sinful pleasures among the young which is the occasion of much solitude. There seems to be a sad backwardness in coming up to the high standard of duty which the great revivals of the past few years seemed to have marked out for us. Everywhere the spirit of intense worldlings and cold formality is felt crippling the energies and dwarfing the piety of the church.-

All the reports from Presbyteries mention the alarming prevalence and increase of profanity, and the desecration of the Sabbath-Against the violation of his holy day, God has denounced his most terrible judgments. The only secure anchorage for our civil and religious institutions lies in the proper observance of this day. Recognizing as we do the solemn truth that "the American character and our institutions will go down into the same grave that





entombs the Sabbath," we feel constrained to call the attention of our ministers and churches to this alarming feature of the times, and exhort them to renewed diligence in their efforts to protect the Sabbath and secure its better observance.

We are pained also to record the fact that the monster evil of our land, intemperance is still preying upon our population and is life through all our bounds.--"Strong drink is raging." The traffic under the sanction of law and in spite of law, is tolerated almost everywhere and is working out its legitimate and terrible results. Crime and Woe and sorrow and degradation-tears and blood are in its train. This vice is not only increasing in nearly every community, but it is even invading the sacred precincts of the church, drawing within its fatal folds the children of Christian parents and many of the noblest youth among us. It is greatly to be feared that the efforts of the church in this direction have been in a measure relaxed, and there is an imperative demand that our churches and ministers should set themselves with more earnestness and hope against this enormous sin, and put forth more persistent exertions to stem this desolating stream which is rolling over our land. How and when this blighting curse is to be resisted and removed is a question of solemn interest to the friends of God and man.

But we turn from these dark shades of the picture and rejoice in the hope that "the night is far spent and that the day is at hand." And more and better than all we rejoice that God's patience is not wearied out with us. He seems to be sitting his bow in the cloud and saying to us with all the melting tenderness of a Father's heart. "Return unto me, and I will return unto you." The conflicts of Earth man continue to





rage and the Kingdoms of this world set themselves against the Lord and his Christ, yet knowing as we do with an assurance increasing from year to year, that the cause and Kingdom of God are finally to triumph and that he has given his Gospel as the means by which this conquest is to be accomplished, we would give ourselves with greater earnestness, prayer and fidelity to the great work which the master has put into our hands. We seem to hear on every hand, "work while the day lasts, for night cometh!"

While the ravages of death have been small yet we have to mourn over some of our brethren, who during the past year have been called to lay their armor off, and to enter upon a joyful release from toil and pain and sin.- The Rev. Robert Baird, D. D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, a man honored of God-widely and favorably known throughout the Christian world, whose praise is in all the churches-The Rev. Francis E. Butler of the Presbytery of Passaic-who fell at Suffolk, Va., in a fight on the Navasimona a martyr in the sacred cause of our country, while nobly discharging his duty as Chaplain, and whose warm heart and fervent piety, had greatly endeared him to his regiment-The Rev. Charles Webster Of the Presbytery of Monmouth-The Rev. Joseph Rogers of the Presbytery of Raritan have passed from among us. They died leaving a glorious testimony to the influence and truth of the religion of the Son of God. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Mention is also made of the decrease of Mr. William Ostler a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and of the death of Mr. William P. Lloyd, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, both of whom departed calmly trusting in that Saviour to whose service they had devoted themselves. The night cometh! Who shall say that its shadows are not upon us now? Let us prize the more highly the blessed privilege of being workers together with God. And let us aim to crowd into the remainder of our lives just as much Christian activity



and zeal and love as we possibly can, so that when the summons come they may find us all with girded loins and burning lights as men that watch for their Lord.

Resolved, That the next Stated Meeting of the Synod be held in the 2nd Presbyterian Church, of Bridgeton N. J. on the 3d Tuesday of October 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. and that the Moderator of the Synod—the Rev. Mr. Hubbard the Pastor of the Church and Mr. U. D. Woodruff, Elder be a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the next meeting of the Synod.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No 1. which having been read, was adopted and is as follows.

Whereas Chapter 7 Article 1 of the Book of discipline which is reported unchanged by the Assemblys committee of Revision impliedly affirms that one great design of Synods and Assemblies is the trial of appellate cases and also that full attendance of members upon the Sessions of these bodies is essential to the highest attainable perfection of judgment; and whereas in the judgment of this Synod the ends of justice would be better secured by the submission of all appellate cases to special courts or commissions, or by some better plan which the wisdom of the Assembly may devise, Therefore Resolved, That this Synod overture the General Assembly to consider the propriety of making such change in the article referred to, as will enable the church more conveniently and certainly to attain the Ends of justice and equity than by the existing constitution of courts of Appeal.

Synod then took a recess until 2 o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod met and spent an hour in devotional exercises, after which Synod proceeded to business.





The Rev. Messrs. Asabel L. Clark and Samuel Whaley of the Synod of New York and New Jersey being present were introduced to the Synod, and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee of Bills and overtures, to whom had been referred the papers of the Rev. John Lyle, a foreign minister who had been received in probation by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in accordance with the rule of the General Assembly in such cases reported that they had examined the same and found them correct, and they recommended that Mr. Lyle be received by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, as a minister of the gospel in good and regular standing.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported, Overture No. 2 in regard to the installation of a minister over a church in arrears to their former pastor-and recommended that in the view of the Synod a congregation is not at liberty to call and settle another minister, until the arrears due to a former pastor are paid up-See Digest page 63. Article 77.-

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The Rev. C. Mussey of the Addison County association of Vermont, and the Rev. Henry Van Haight of the Synod of New York and New Jersey being present were introduced to the Synod and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 3 in relation to a licentiate laboring within the bounds of another Presbytery from that under whose care he is-and they recommend the adoption of the following minute as expressive of the views of the Synod:-





A licentiate passing from his Presbytery to the bounds of another should seek a transfer to their care: If he does not, nor make satisfactory report to his Presbytery, his course is irregular and disorderly-and further Synod would recommend to Presbyteries that they carefully observe Chapter 14. Section 11. Form of Government.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The committee on leave of absence reported that the following persons had given satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod-the Rev. Mr. Graves, of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown;-the Rev. Mr. Janvier, of the Presbytery of West Jersey; and the Rev. Mr. Lane of the Presbytery of Luzerne; that the following persons had sent satisfactory for absence from the present sessions of Synod-Rev. David Magie, M. D., and the Rev. Mr. Pingrey, of the Presbytery of Passaic; and the Rev. J. K. Davis, of the Presbytery of Newton; and that they had given leave of absence after the Sessions of today to the Rev. Dr. Craven, Rev. M. G. Sane-Rev. M. Clark, and the Rev. Mr. Corey, ministers and to Messrs. Hunt and Rosenberg Elders.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, reported that they have examined the same with the vouchers, and find that there is a balance due him of \$9.43.

The report was adopted.

The same committee having been appointed to make an assessment on the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, reported that fifty



five dollars will be needed for that purpose, and recommended that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:-

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| Presbytery of Elizabethtown, | \$8.00       |
| " " Passaic,                 | 7.00         |
| " " New Brunswick,           | 9.00         |
| " " Newton,                  | 6.00         |
| " " Raritan,                 | 5.00         |
| " " Susquehanna,             | 4.00         |
| " " Luzerne,                 | 5.00         |
| " " West Jersey,             | 5.00         |
| " " Burlington,              | 3.00         |
| " " Monmouth,                | 3.00         |
| " " Corisco      No Charge   | 0.00         |
|                              | <u>55.00</u> |

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The following paper in relation to the German church of Archibald under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne, was presented for the consideration of the Synod.

Whereas the German Presbyterian Church in Archibald was burned last Sabbath, the 18th of October, and under circumstances such as to leave no reasonable doubt but that the fire was an incendiary act, therefore Resolved That the Synod of New Jersey, now in Session near the place express their sympathy with these brethren and their pastor in their distress, and exhort them not to despair, and approve if in the providence of God they find the way clear, of the congregation rebuilding and commend them to the aid of the churches.

Pending the discussion upon the foregoing paper the Synod took a recess until 1/2 past 7 o'clock P. M.



At the close of the recess Synod convened and attended upon the exercises of the Synodical prayer meeting in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on devotional exercises.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report upon the subject of the gospel in the army and the duty of the Synod in relation to it.

The Rev. Drs. Baird and Hornblower and the Rev. Mr. Colt were appointed said Committee.

Resolved that in view of the statement made by the Rev. Dr. Schenk in behalf of the several Boards, a committee be appointed to draft a Minister expressive of the views of the Synod, in relation to the benevolent operations of the Church.

The Rev. Drs. MacLean and MacDonald were appointed said Committee.

An invitation was received from Mr. Lippincott agent of the Baltimore Coal Mines near this place, to visit the Mines, at such times as would suit the convenience of the Synod.

Whereupon, It was resolved, that the Synod accept the invitation,, and name 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon as the time when they will visit the Mines, and that the thanks of the Synod be returned to Mr. Lippincott for the invitation.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk forward to Mr. Lippincott an attested copy of the foregoing resolution.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.





THURSDAY MORNING, October 22, 9 o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday—to wit—the discussion with reference to the paper in relation to the German Church in Archibald, when the preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Baird from the committee to overture the General Assembly on the subject of family religion and the training of children reported progress. The report was adopted, and the committee was continued.

The following preamble and resolution in relation to the College of New Jersey at Princeton, were presented and unanimously adopted.

Whereas, The interests of religion and education in our country, and especially within the bounds of this Synod demand that the College of New Jersey should continue to occupy the position which it has for more than a century maintained in the front ranks of American Colleges; and whereas, to relieve the Institution from present and to secure it from future financial embarrassment, the Trustees of the College are endeavoring to raise a permanent endowment fund of at least One Hundred Thousand dollars, and whereas, we could not but regard with regret and humiliation a decline of the prosperity of this venerable Institution, through want of adequate pecuniary support, involving as it would unfaithfulness on our part, and on the part of those whom we represent, to a great trust which



God in his providence has committed to an chaye, therefore, Resolved, That we do most earnestly recommend the present effort for the permanent endowment of the College to the favorable consideration of the community generally and especially to the Churches, and Congregations under our care.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Churches to raise scholarships so far as practicable, and also to found scholarships, whose incumbents shall be nominated by the authorities of our high schools and academies.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Elizabethtown, Passaic, New Brunswick, Newton, Susquehanna, Luzerne, Raritan, and Burlington severally reported-recommending the approval of said records.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of West Jersey reported that they had examined them, and recommended their approval, with the following exception-That on page 347, a report of an important committee is recorded, but there is no mention made whether or not the report was adopted.--

The report of the committee was adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Monmouth, reported that the records had not been sent up to the Synod, and they were accordingly discharged.



The committee appointed to report upon the subject of the gospel in the Army made a report which was accepted--After some discussion, the report was recommitteed to the same committee in order that they might confer with the Rev. Dr. Schenk on the subject.

The committee appointed to report upon the benevolent operations of the church made the following report which was adopted.

The claims and operations of the Several Boards of the church having been ably presented by the Rev. Dr. Schenk Secretary of the Board of Publication, Synod cannot refrain from expressing its gratitude to the Great Head of the church that amidst the calamities and desolations of Civil War, our church has been enabled to accomplish so much through these agencies the past year. With a single exception that of the Board of Domestic Missions, the receipts of all the Boards have been materially increased. The Board of Foreign Missions have been enabled to send out since last spring several additional Missionaries and their families to the foreign field, and while no extension revivals are enjoyed in connection with our Missionary operations among the heathen probably at no previous time have there been more cheering evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the growing number of individual conversions.

The Board of Publication is enlarging its operations and prosecuting its great work with increasing energy--Especially among sailors and soldiers now in the service of the government and with most blessed and glorious results. In this most interesting field, in numerous cases, scarcely is the seed sown, when the harvest appears.





The Board of Church Extension is prosecuting its work with energy and zeal, and by its timely aid is providing the means for the permanent enjoyment of gospel privileges by many destitute and feeble hands of God's dear people.

In regard to our Board of Education, whilst its receipts increased its number of Candidates has materially decreased. This would seem however to be the result rather of the state of the times and of a real or supposed excess in the supply of Ministers over the demand than from any declining interest on the part of the church, as to the duty of training young men for the Gospel Ministry.

The Synod has learned with heart felt joy that our churches are becoming more and more alive to the claims of the fund "for disabled Ministers and the destitute widows and orphans of deceased Ministers." Through the liberality of an increasing number of churches, the Trustees of that fund have been enabled to cheer and make glad many of the aged and infirm servants of Christ, and many of the widows and orphans of deceased Ministers.

In regard to the Board of Domestic Missions, second to no other agency in our church, it is a subject of deep regret to Synod to learn that in view of the increasing and urgent claims made on this Board by the state of the times—the opening doors and ripening harvest presented, its receipts from the churches should have actually fallen off during the year closing with their last report. We earnestly call upon our Pastors, our churches, and people to see to it that none of this deficiency is chargeable to us—and as all these agencies of



our church are prevented from greatly enlarged operations, only from the want of enlarged means, that we shew by increasing liberality, that we are come to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

The committee appointed to report upon the subject of the gospel in the army and to whom their report (see preceding page,) had been recommitted, again reported, and their report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows.

The committee appointed to report upon the subject of the gospel in the Army having considered the subject present the following resolution for the consideration of the Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod pledges itself to sustain the Rev. Samuel F. Colt, or such other competent persons being a member of this Synod, as may be obtained to be sent out, as a Missionary in the Army by our Board of Missions, availing himself of the facilities of the Christian Commission, and acting in cooperation with it.

The Rev. W. Hunt and the Rev. Dr. MacDonald were appointed a committee to bring in a report on the subject of Chaplains in the Army:-

Synod then took a recess until 1/2 past 7 o'clock this evening.

At the close of the recess Synod met, and, after a season spent in religious exercises, proceeded to business.

Ordered, That the Stated Clerk forward the Statistical report of the Synod to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.



The Treasurer was directed to pay the Janitors bill of Five dollars and the bill for stationary amounting to Sixty-three cents.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be and they are hereby tendered to the Citizens of Wilkesbarre and its vicinity for the kindness and hospitality which they have extended to the members of the Synod during their Sessions in this place.-

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Managers of the Rail Road, who have furnished the members return tickets free of charge.

Resolved, That this Synod reaffirm its action of last year with reference to the state of our country; that we renew our expressions of allegiance to, and affection for our smitten country; that we rejoice with devout gratitude in the Success with which God has blessed our councils and our arms, and call upon our churches, and call upon our people to respond to the proclamation of the President of the United States, appointing a day of National Thanksgiving.-

And further, that we rejoice in the precedent now established, encouraging the hope of the appointment of an Annual National Thanksgiving.-

Judge Collins, Dr. Ryerson, and A. H. Fitchie, Esq., were appointed a committee to procure the funds for the support of the Missionary in the Army.

The Committee appointed to bring in a report on the subject of Chaplains in the Army and Navy, presented as their report the following paper which was accepted and adopted, as embodying the views of the Synod.-





The Synod of New Jersey having a deep interest in all that is connected with the honor and efficiency of the Army and Navy of the United States of America, and anxious that the moral and religious influences brought to bear upon them should be effectual in their operations, and fearing that as at present constituted and conducted, there may be defects in the Chaplaincy System that prevents in some respects its usefulness, resolved that a committee should be appointed to bring the subject to the attention of Congress in order that such improvements maybe made as the wisdom of the Ho houses may determine to be best.

The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, the Rev. Dr. MacDonald, and the Rev. Mr. Colt were appointed the committee.

The committee on leave of absence reported that leave of absence had been given to Messrs. Hand, Chester, Perkins, W. W. Blauvelt, Kehoo, Lockwood, Lyle and John White, Ministers, and to Messrs. Woodruff, Stewart, Sinclair, Scranton and Potter, Elders.

The same committee reported that the Rev. Messrs. Cornell and Weiss had assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.-that the following members had given satisfactory reasons for absence from the 1 st Stated Meeting of Synod. Messrs. Bond, Everitt, S. MacNair, Simonton, Wells, and that Messrs. Hoover, and Shriver had sent satisfactory reasons of absence from the present sessions of Synod.

These reports were adopted.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.



The Synod then adjourned to meet in the 2d Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton, N. J., on the third Tuesday of October 1864, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the benediction.

RAVAUD K. ROGERS, Stated Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved.

In General Assembly at Newark, N. J., May 23rd, 1864.

JAMES WOOD, Moderator.

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